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## **CHANDLER RESIDENTS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT PROPOSED COVANCE FACILITY**

*By a better than 2-to-1 margin, Chandler residents believe Covance will have a positive impact in the community*

**Princeton, New Jersey, June 19, 2006** - In a recent poll conducted by national polling firm Public Opinion Strategies, 62 percent of Chandler residents favor the construction of the new Covance facility in Chandler. Covance supporters believe the new facility will have a positive impact on the community – attracting well-paying jobs and more research facilities in the area. Residents believe the type of medical research facility is essential to find cures for diseases and improving health care.

“At Covance, we appreciate the wide support that we have encountered from Chandler residents from all walks of life.” said Wendel Barr, Senior Vice President at Covance. “Chandler residents recognize that Covance will strengthen the local economy and create well-paying jobs for the community in our mission to help find new cures for diseases and to improve health care for people as well as animals.”

While some residents have reservations about animal testing, a total of 80 percent still support the facility, for reasons including economic and medical benefit. The polling also showed that PETA’s extreme views, as well as the local front organization’s efforts, had little public support in the community. Many Chandler residents hold an unfavorable impression of PETA.

Third generation Arizonan and lifetime Chandler resident Alex Knox supports Covance and the research to be done at the new facility. “The survey certainly shows the ability of Chandler residents to see through the scare tactics and smoke screen put up by opponents of Covance. The people of Chandler are well-informed and they realize this is the type of facility they want. It’s clean, high-tech, and serves the people’s greater good.”

Covance has contributed to the development of many new medicines for cancer, heart disease, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, cystic fibrosis, Alzheimer’s and many disabling diseases. For more information about Covance’s plans for the Chandler facility, please visit [www.covancechandler.com](http://www.covancechandler.com).